

*The History of*

And our indentures tripartite are drawne  
Which being sealed interchangeably,  
(A busines that this night may execute)  
To morrow coosen Percy you and I  
And my good Lord of Worcester will set forth,  
To meet your father and the Scottish power,  
As is appointed vs at Shrewsbury.  
My Father Glendower is not ready yet,  
Nor shall wee need his helpe these foureteene dayes;  
Within that space, you may haue drawne together  
Your tenants, friendes and neighbouring gentlemen.

*Glen.* A shorter time shall send me to you, Lords  
And in my conduct shall your Ladies come,  
From whome you now must steale, and take no leaue  
For there will be a world of water shed,  
Vpon the parting of your wiues and you.

*Hot.* Methinkes my moity North from Burton here  
In quantity equals not one of yours:  
See, how this river comes me cranking in,  
And cuts me from the best of all my land,  
A huge halfe Moone, a monstrous scantle out:  
He haue the current in this place damd vp,  
And here the sinug and siluer Trent shall run,  
In a new channell, faire and euently,  
It shall not wind with such a deepe indent  
To rob me of so rich a bottome here.

*Glen.* Not wind? it shall, it must, you see it doth.

*Mor.* Yea, but marke how he beares his course, and runs me  
vp, with like advantage on the other side, gelding the opposed  
continent, as much, as on the other side, it takes from you.

*War.* Yea, but a little charge will trench him here,  
And on this Northside, win this cape of land  
And then he runs straight and euen,

*Hot.* He haue it so, a little charge will do it.

*Glen.* He not haue it atred.

*Hot.* Will not you?

*Glen.* No, nor you shall not.

*Hot.* Who shall say me nay?

*Glen*

*Henry the fourth.*

*Glen.* VVhy, that will I.

*Hot.* Let me not vnderstand you then, speake it in welth.

*Glen.* I can speake English, Lord, as well as you,  
For I was traind vp in the English Court;  
Where, being but yong, I framed to the haire  
Many an English dittie, louly wel,  
And gaue the tongue a helpfull ornament:  
A vertu that was neuer seene in you.

*Hot.* Marry, and I am glad of it, with al my heart,  
I had rather bea kitten and cry mew,  
Then one of these same miter ballet-mongers:  
I had rather heare a brazen canstick turnd,  
Or a dry wheele grat on the axle-tree,  
And that would set my teeth nothing on edge,  
Nothing so much as minshing Poetry:  
Tis like the forc't gate of a shuffling nag.

*Glen.* Come you shall haue Trent turnd.

*Hot.* I do not care, Ile giue thee too much land  
To any wel deseruing friend:

But in the way of bargaine, marke ye me:

Ile caull on the ninth part of a heaire.

Are the indentures drawne? shall we be gone?

*Glen.* The Moone shines faire, you may away by night:

Ile haue the writer, and withall,

Breake with your wiues, of your departure hence,

I am a fraide my daughter will run mad,

So much she doteth on her Mortimer.

*Mor.* Fie, coosen Percy, how you crosse my father.

*Hot.* I cannot chuse sometime he anger sme

VVith telling me of the Moldwarp and the Ant,

Of the dreamer Merlin and his prophedies:

And, of a dragon and a finlesse fish,

A clip-wingd Griffin and a moultren Rauens,

A couching Lion, and a ramping Cat,

And such a deale of skimble skamble stuffe,

As puts me from my faith: I tell you what,

He held me last night, at least, nine houres,

In reckning vp the seuerall diuels names

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